

ABSTRACT

CELLULAR NETWORK ACQUISITION METHOD AND APPARATUS

A method of network acquisition for a cellular radio communications device arranged for operation in accordance with a plurality of radio technologies and comprising searching to identify a suitable cell on one radio technology. Subsequent to identifying a suitable cell on the one radio technology, cells on another of the plurality of radio technologies are also monitored in order to identify if one of the monitored cells is more suitable than the cell identified on the one radio technology. Subsequent to the monitoring, the cell identified from all of the radio technologies searched as the most suitable is selected and camping for the first time occurs onto that cell.